

ABSTRACT

An electronic bingo device used for dispensing bingo cards and tracking the cards for bingo during play. The apparatus is equipped with a conventional computer hardware platform and software tailored to track a bingo game by use of a game key with memory for storing data
5 representative of a set of bingo game data including winning patterns and wild cards used during each game. In addition, a player's allocation of bingo cards is stored on the game key. Bingo cards stored in the device corresponding to the number allocated are used for game play. As the player enters the numbers are called out in the bingo hall. The device monitors each card for bingo.